



Key Events, 2005

- **April 28th Reception and Art Auction** will feature artwork by selected foster youth who attended a workshop with acclaimed artist Judy Baca. Co-sponsored with National CASA, proceeds of the auction will go toward a scholarship fund for foster youth.
- **May, 2005 Art and Writing** by foster youth will be exhibited in the Edelman Children's Courthouse and reproduced in a booklet to be distributed to the public.
- **May 3rd Event on the Capitol Steps** will bring attention to the foster care system and the critical need for permanence for foster youth.
- **May 4th Courthouse Tour** will afford an opportunity for clergy and spiritual leaders to find out how the juvenile dependency court operates. Discussion with bench officers and attorneys will familiarize faith-based leaders with the needs of abused and neglected children in one of the largest foster care systems in the country.
- **May 6th Foster Care Briefing for Congressional Staff** will educate federal policy makers about issues and challenges facing the foster care system.
- **May 8th Faith-Based Community Outreach** as congregations throughout Los Angeles engage in dialogue over Mothers Day weekend about how they can better support the children all of us as a community "parent." Presentations will be supported by a speakers bureau of former foster youth, attorneys, and others involved in the system, along with materials to supplement bulletins and newsletters.
- **May 10th Press Conference** at the Hall of Administration will introduce individuals being honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as "foster care heroes." These heroes reflect the positive contributions one individual alone can make to the child welfare system.
- **May 13th Mentoring Summit** will assemble a variety of community, governmental, faith-based, judicial, and advocacy organizations to seek ways to ensure that no child leaves foster care without having made a personal connection with a stable adult to call upon for help.
- **May 17th Housing Expo** will include presentations and workshops to assist advocates and emancipating youth in finding appropriate housing.
- **May 24th Healthcare Summit** will bring together healthcare providers, child welfare officials, the judiciary, and other stakeholders to find new solutions aimed at addressing the health needs and concerns of foster youth.
- **May 27th Ceremony at Children's Courthouse** will honor California Chief Justice Ronald George for his contributions to the foster care system and call attention to the critical role of the court in improving outcomes for children.
- **Adelphia Cable TV** will air a half hour special on foster care issues in conjunction with Awareness activities throughout the month of May.